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a positively charged porous matrix; and

producing signal producing system present on said matrix, wherein said peroxide producing signal producing system includes a urea derivative dye,

wherein said test strip is stable for at least about six months at temperatures ranging from at least about -80°C to 60°C under humidity ranging from at least about 0% to 20%.

14. (Once Amended) The test strip according to Claim 11, wherein said urea derivative dye has the formula:

 $R^1R^3$ , wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  taken together is a N, N-di-substituted aminoaryl, and  $R^3$  is selected from the group consisting of carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, arylsulfonyl, sulfoaryl and carboxyaryl

- 19. Once Amended) An analyte detection or measurement system comprising:
- (a) a storage stable reagent test strip comprising:
  - (i) \ a positively charged porous matrix; and
- (ii) a peroxide producing signal producing system present on said matrix, wherein said peroxide producing signal producing system includes a urea derivative dye; and
  (b) an automated instrument,

wherein said test strip is stable for at least about six months at temperatures ranging from at least about -80°C to 60°C under humidity ranging from at least about 0% to 20%.

- 20. (Once Amended) A method for detecting the presence or determining the concentration of an analyte in a sample, said method comprising:
  - (a) applying said physiological sample to a storage stable reagent test strip comprising:
    - (i) a positively charged porous matrix; and
  - (ii) a peroxide producing signal producing system present on said matrix, wherein said peroxide producing signal producing system includes a urea derivative dye,

wherein said test strip is stable for at least about six months at temperatures ranging from at least about -80°C to 60°C under humidity ranging from at least about 0% to 20%;

- (b) detecting a signal produced by said signal producing system; and
- (c) relating said detected signal to the presence or concentration of said analyte in said